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SUBJECT: NEW LAW BANS EMBASSY FINANCING OF PUBLISHING IN ICELAND

1. LAW WAS PASSED BY ALTHING MAY 6 UNDER TITLE  
(EMBASSY TRANSLATION) "BAN ON FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM FOREIGNERS  
TO ICELANDIC POLITICAL PARTIES AND ON PUBLICATIONS  
BY FOREIGN EMBASSIES IN ICELAND." LAW STATES  
"ICELANDIC POLITICAL PARTIES ARE NOT PERMITTED TO  
ACCEPT FROM FOREIGN SOURCES MONETARY GIFTS OR  
OTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THEIR OPERATIONS IN  
THIS COUNTRY. FOREIGN EMBASSIES IN ICELAND ARE NOT  
PERMITTED TO FINANCE OR SUPPORT PUBLISHING IN THE  
COUNTRY. THIS LAW APPLIES TO POLITICAL PARTIES AND  
ASSOCIATIONS OR INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS NEWSPAPERS THAT ARE  
OPERATED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BY THEM; IT ALSO APPLIES  
TO NEWSPAPERS OR PUBLICATIONS PUBLISHED BY  
INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS."

2. PART OF LAW THAT AFFECTS EMBASSIES' PUBLICATIONS  
WAS AMENDMENT TO BILL THAT MERELY WOULD HAVE ENDED  
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FOREIGN SUBSIDIES OF LOCAL PARTIES AND NEWSPAPERS.  
THIS STEMMED FROM FINANCIAL SUPPORT GIVEN TO  
ICELANDIC SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) BY  
OTHER NORDIC SOCIAL DEMOCRATS. SDP MP WAS SUCCESSFUL  
IN TACKLING ON AMENDMENT THEREBY GIVING APPEARANCE THAT  
LAW WAS NOT DIRECTED SOLELY AT HIS PARTY.

3. MFA, CAUGHT OFF GUARD BY LEGISLATION, COULD NOT SAY WITH ANY CERTAINTY WHICH ITEMS MIGHT FALL UNDER AUTHORITY OF NEW LAW. SUBJECT TO FURTHER CLARIFICATION BY MFA, ICA REYKJAVIK BELIEVES ITS ACTIVITIES WILL NOT BE AFFECTED, AND ONLY EMBASSY PUBLICATION THAT MAY REPEAT MAY FALL UNDER PURVIEW OF LAW IS COMMERICAL NEWSLETTER. MFA COULD NOT DETERMINE WHETHER COMMERICAL NEWSLETTER WOULD INDEED BY SUBJECT TO BAN. ALTHOUGH LAW TOOK EFFECT IMMEDIATELY, MFA OFFICIAL SAID THAT EMBASSY COULD GO TO PRESS WITH EDITION ALREADY PREPARED SINCE ICELANDIC LAW HAD NOT YET BEEN SIGNED BY PRESIDENT OR CODIFIED.

4. SOVIET PROPAGANDA MACHINE MAY BE BIGGEST LOSER FROM LAW. SOVIET NEWS AGENCY APN PUBLISHES SLICK BI-MONTHLY "NEWS FROM THE SOVIET UNION" IN ICELANDIC, AND SOVIETS MAY HAVE OTHER PUBLICATIONS WHICH COULD ALSO COME UNDER BAN HOWEVER, THESE COULD POSSIBLY GET AROUND LAW IF THEY WERE PRINTED OUTSIDE OF ICELAND. THOUGH IT IS WIDELY FELT THAT SOVIET BLOC PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FAR-LEFT PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE AND ITS DAILY THJODVILJINN, THIS AID WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED UNLESS ITS EXISTENCE COULD BE PROVEN. CHRISTENSEN

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